

# Auchenblae School Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> September 2015



## Rainy days and Muddy Shoes

As the weather begins to turn cooler and damper we are hoping to keep the wildlife area open at Lunch time. However, as the ground can remain muddy for longer children will need to change into suitable shoes (ideally wellies or boots) and trousers, either an old pair of tracksuit bottoms or waterproof over trousers.

## Sponsored walk

It seems a long time ago but thank you to all the parent volunteers for your support on the sponsored walk. A huge thank you to Sue Barrie for organising the whole event which was seamless on the day. The weather was perfect and the children enjoyed the challenge. So far we have collected over £1700, which is truly amazing. Thank you.

## Volunteers

We are still on the lookout for volunteers to support a range of after school clubs. If you think you can offer time, enthusiasm or expertise in a particular area please contact school and I will put you in touch with our Active Schools Coordinator Derek Atkinson.

## Nursery

'Come and Play' parent session will run through the final week of term. Look out for the signing up sheet in the nursery entrance.

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, all Nursery parents are invited into Nursery for the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be served from 11.00am.

## Rugby World Cup.

It is great to see lots of children excited by the Rugby World Cup. In school every child will have a country to follow and a prize will be given to the winners from each class. We will be reading match reports, learning rugby skills (no tackling) and taking part in a range of fun challenges during break time. As an added bonus the children will be allowed to wear Scottish colours or tartan on the days Scotland are playing. The first match is this Wednesday!

## P7 Library Mystery

P7's enjoyed a visit to Mearns Community Library to help the unusual Basil solve a Mystery of the Missing Book. Like Holmes and Poirot before them, the children had to follow a series of clues before lining up the suspects and solving the case. The day was organised by Frozen Charlotte Productions who tour the country with children's theatre.

## Topics

Nursery will be looking at Autumn and Harvest

P1 – P4 will be studying the Rainforest

P5 – P7 will be studying Natural disasters



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## A Reminder for Children's Eye Health & Sight

### FREE EYE EXAMINATIONS

All children in Scotland are entitled to an annual free eye examination by a qualified Optometrist (Optician's). These examinations are really important for checking the health of your children's eyes and for making sure that children get any help they may need to make the most of their vision.

Sometimes children do not notice that one eye cannot see as well as the other and an eye examination can check to see if your child has any squints or 'lazy eyes' or if they need glasses. Vision can change over time so it is important to have checks regularly to see if there has been any change.

The Optician will give a prescription for glasses for your child if they need it. There is no obligation to buy glasses from the same Optician. Your child is entitled to an NHS optical voucher to help cover the cost of glasses. If the glasses you choose costs more than the voucher, you will have to pay the difference. The Optician will explain this in more detail.

We would encourage all parents to take their children to an Optician for regular eye examinations whether or not they think they may need glasses.

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#### Dates Term 1 2015/16:

25 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee morning in Nursery
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Parent Evening 6.00pm – 8.00pm
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> October	P5-7 First Aid training
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Service – 1.30pm in Church
8 <sup>th</sup> October	National Poetry Day
9 <sup>th</sup> October	P5-7 First aid training
9 <sup>th</sup> October	World Porridge Day
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term
26 <sup>th</sup> October	First day of new term
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Halloween Scare Festival and Disco



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